

**TOWNSHIP OF UPPER
CAPE MAY COUNTY
RESOLUTION**

RESOLUTION NO. 40 -2017

**RE: IN SUPPORT OF SOUTH JERSEY GAS' PROPOSED NATURAL GAS PIPELINE TO
ENHANCE RELIABILITY FOR ELECTRIC AND GAS CUSTOMERS IN CAPE MAY AND
ATLANTIC COUNTIES**

WHEREAS, South Jersey Gas has again applied to the New Jersey Pinelands Commission to allow the construction of a 22-mile long natural gas pipeline needed to provide reliability to Cape May and Atlantic Counties as well as to serve the B.L. England Electric Generating Station; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Upper wishes to again state its support for this proposal; and

WHEREAS, the existing South Jersey Gas system only has one feed into Cape May County making it vulnerable to a critical loss of service; and

WHEREAS, there are 142,000 residents and businesses still without a reliable back-up supply of natural gas and vulnerable to a disruption of natural gas service due to Mother Nature, an excavator's mistake or terrorist act; and

WHEREAS, disruption which occurred in New Jersey with Superstorm Sandy could severely interrupt service for multiple weeks to thousands of customers within Atlantic and Cape May Counties; and

WHEREAS, any loss of service would have a significant impact on public health and safety of those affected and cause serious damage to the region's economy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed pipeline would have minimal impact on the Pinelands forest, constructed entirely within existing rights-of-way – below and alongside state highways like Route 49 and 50; and

WHEREAS, the pipeline would provide the additional benefit of enabling the conversion of the coal-powered B.L. England Electric Generating Station, long known as one of the most polluting power plants in the state, to cleaner more efficient burning natural gas; and

WHEREAS, without the pipeline the plant will be forced to close resulting in the loss of the only major source of electric generation in the region, loss of jobs and significantly impact the taxpayers of Upper Township; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Upper Township and Cape May County deserve safe and reliable source of energy; and

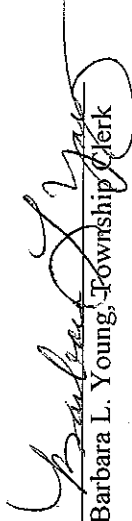
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper, in the County of Cape May and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The allegations of the preamble are incorporated herein by this reference.

2. Due to the compelling public need for the safety of our residents, the economy, and the protection of our environment, the Township Committee of the Township of Upper strongly supports the South Jersey Gas application to the Pinelands Commission to construct this much-needed pipeline and ask that the Pinelands Commission render its decision favorably.

3. A copy of this resolution shall be provided to Governor Christopher J. Christie, Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno, Congressman Frank LoBiondo Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, Senator Jeff Van Drew, Senator Jim Whelan, Assemblyman Bruce Land, Assemblyman Bob Andrzejczak, Assemblyman Chris A. Brown, Assemblyman Vincent Mazzeo, the Press of Atlantic City, and the Cape May County Herald.


RICHARD PALOMBO, Mayor


Barbara L. Young, Township Clerk

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Offered by: Young
Adopted: January 9, 2017

Seconded by: Barr

Roll Call Vote:

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAINED	ABSENT
Barr	x			
Coggins	x			
Corson	x			
Young	x			
Palombo	x			